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DRIVER**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 8 as follows:

7. (Amended) A computer system that allows a first version of a printer driver stored on the computer system to be automatically updated, the computer system comprising:



VERSION OF CLAIMS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

7. (Amended) A computer system [containing a software module] that allows a first version of a printer driver stored on the computer system to be automatically updated, [in which the software module] the computer system comprising:

- (A)[contacts] a contacting module configured to implement operations to contact a specified remote network location at which a second version of the printer driver is stored;
- (B)[determines] a determining module configured to implement operations to determine the version of the second version of the printer driver stored at the remote location;
- (C)[compares] a comparing module configured to implement operations to compare the first version of the printer driver stored on the computer system with the second version stored at the remote location;
- (D)[downloads and installs] a downloading and installing module configured to implement operations to download and install on the computer system the second version of the printer driver stored at the remote location if that version is a newer version than the first version currently stored on the computer system; and
- (E)[uninstalls] an uninstalling module configured to implement operations to uninstall the first version of the printer driver stored on the computer system.

8. (Amended) The computer system of claim 7 wherein the [software module] modules are program subroutines of the printer driver.

- (A) a contacting module configured to implement operations to contact a specified remote network location at which a second version of the printer driver is stored;
- (B) a determining module configured to implement operations to determine the version of the second version of the printer driver stored at the remote location;
- (C) a comparing module configured to implement operations to compare the first version of the printer driver stored on the computer system with the second version stored at the remote location;
- (D) a downloading and installing module configured to implement operations to download and install on the computer system the second version of the printer driver stored at the remote location if that version is a newer version than the first version currently stored on the computer system; and
- (E) an uninstalling module configured to implement operations to uninstall the first version of the printer driver stored on the computer system.

8. (Amended) The computer system of claim 7 wherein the modules are program subroutines of the printer driver.

Please add the following new claim:

11. (New) The computer system of claim 7 wherein the printer driver is configured to be used with a xerographic print system.

REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments place the subject application in better condition for examination.



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Respectfully submitted,

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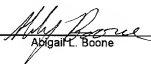


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